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Huerta Troops Defeat Villa Rebels in Torreon Battle

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1,080 KILLED IN BATTLE WON BY HUERTA'S TROOPS IN THE SIEGE OF TORREON

Constitutionalists of Villa's
Army Reported Defeated
With Heavy Losses.

BOTH SIDES SUFFER.

Rebels Have 600 Killed and 480
Wounded in Their First
Attack on City.

(By United Press.)
EL PASO, Tex., March 10.—Gen.
Ortega's Constitutional
army near Torreon have suffered a
serious reverse, according to mail
received from there to-day.
These state the battle occurred Sun-
day, the victorious Federalists being
commanded by Gen. Ricardo Pena and
Colonel Argumedo. In the engage-
ment, the despatch said, more than 600
rebels were slain, 480 wounded and 190
captured. The total dead on both sides
given at 1,080.

This engagement is believed to be
the battle referred to in a despatch
from Mexico City last week in which
it was stated that the rebels had
been defeated. The details were telegraphed to
Mexico City to-day, but it was
stated that any such battle had been
fought. Ortega, he said, could not
have been in such an engagement, as
he was actually in Chihuahua at the
time, looking after supplies.

MEXICO CITY, March 10.—Rebels
attacking Torreon dynamited two
Federal troops to-day, carrying
reinforcements to defend the town.
The War Office refused to give out
the death list. Gen. Huerta has ordered
a strict censorship on accounts
of the fighting at Torreon.

WASHINGTON, March 10.—Sec-
retary Garrison received to-day from
Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, com-
manding the American border forces,
the following report on the Vergara
case, by Capt. H. P. Howard of the
fourteenth United States Cavalry:
"Investigation shows Vergara was
seen from the Hidalgo cemetery
last night by relatives of Ver-
gara and hired Mexicans. Capt.
Henderson states positively no Texas
troops crossed the border. He met
the body at a landing opposite San
Antonio with Undertaker Convey
Sunday morning. Convey brought
the body to Laredo 7.30 P. M. Sunday.
He states there were no signs of
burns on the body. Found four bullet
holes. Neck chafed but not
broken. Body decomposed, but pants
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TAKES POISON WHEN
SWEETHEART FINDS
LETTER FROM MAN.



MERCURY POISON ENDS
ROMANCE OF THEATRE;
JILTED GIRL WILL DIE

Followed Vaudeville Actor All
Over Country and Then
Tries Suicide.

After following Frank M. Kahl, a
vaudeville actor, through the West
and finally to New York, Miss Edith
Rockwell, twenty-five years old and
strikingly pretty, swallowed twenty-
eight grains of bichloride of mercury
in the home of his parents, No. 223
Rivington street, early to-day, be-
cause she was told to return to Chi-
cago.

The young woman was taken to
Gouverneur Hospital. Surgeon Gam-
bia, who attended her, said there was
no chance for her recovery.

Miss Rockwell is said to be a mem-
ber of a well-to-do family in Chi-
cago. Kahl said he was infatuated
with her until he accidentally discov-
ered a perverted love letter from Chi-
cago, signed "Robert."

Kahl said that three months ago
when he was playing in Chicago Miss
Rockwell introduced herself to him.
Then she began following him to other
cities.

"I urged her to forget me," said
Kahl to-day. "I explained to her that
my kind of life was a mean one. I
am a member of a trio. My bookings
keep me jumping from one city to
another."

"The more I urged her to forget
me the more she came after me. She
pestered me and pestered me, and at
last it got sickening. Fortunately I
was able to elude her in some of my
jumps, but when I would hit the next
town there she would be."

"I came to New York two weeks
ago for a visit to my parents. One
week afterward Miss Rockwell ap-
peared at the house. Well, what could
be done? I didn't want to turn her
out. She said she had no money. So
I asked my mother to take care of
her."

ACCUSED WOMAN EAGER TO DENY SHE USED 'POISON PEN'

Elizabeth Folk Fill Courtroom
When Mrs. Pollard Is
Called as Witness.

SOME FLEE THE TOWN.

Inner Society Secrets and
Jealousies Expected to Be
Revealed at Trial.

With high salaried experts giving
cross-fire testimony while a select
circle of the Elizabeth's best families
looked on, Mrs. Anna J. Pollard
faced the second day's ordeal in the
poisoned pen trial in Union County
Quarter Sessions Court at Elizabeth,
N. J., to-day.

The telltale smudge of the letter
on somebody's typewriter is
playing a notable part in the curious
drama in which Mrs. Pollard is ac-
cused of sending the scurrilous letters
to Mrs. Florence Jones, wife of Dr.
Charles F. Jones, Secretary of the
New Jersey State Dental Society.
The accused woman is the wife of
Nelson J. Pollard, electrical engineer
for the Public Service Corporation.

Contrary to report Judge Connolly
has not excluded the public from the
trial. The small room was taxed to
capacity with handsomely gowned
women and many men, some being
witnesses, but most of them curious
onlookers eager to dine on the expected
sensational morsels.

Mrs. Jones appeared in a blue
tailored suit and a blue hat and her
sister, Mrs. Horace R. Livengood, in
a striking purple gown and hat. With
Mrs. Pollard was the Rev. Edward
E. Lytle, curate of Christ Episcopal
Church, of which she is a member.

Mrs. Pollard appeared in a stylish
gown of green and black with
green feathers, ready to take the
stand in her own defense.

"JUST WAIT," SAYS DEFENDANT
IN COURT.

Before the crowd began to assemble
she refused to make a statement, but
advised an Evening World reporter
significantly: "Just wait."

Mrs. Pollard faces the testimony of
William H. Kingsley, a New York
handwriting and typewriter expert,
that the smudged "B" and other de-
fective letters appeared in the
poisoned pen missives as well as in
the letter introduced yesterday as
written by Mrs. Pollard complaining
of postal service. Practically all the
morning was taken up in a continua-
tion of Kingsley's testimony.

Much of the afternoon session was
taken up by the cross-examination
of Expert Kingsley. The defense will
open to-morrow morning.

August Hartkorn, another New
York expert, appeared to deny Mrs.
Pollard's authorship of the letters in
which Mrs. Jones is accused of hav-
ing smuggled furs into the United
States and with having committed
an illegal personal act.

In defense-examination counsel for
the defense made a strenuous effort
to break down Kingsley's testimony
and discredit him, which caused a
stormy argument up to adjournment
at 1.10 o'clock.

WAITED FOR MRS. POLLARD TO
TESTIFY.

The crowd stuck up to the last and
flocked back again at 2 o'clock, opti-
mistic that the dull comparison of
exhibits of typewriting would give
way to something racy with the ap-
pearance of Mrs. Pollard on the stand.

The crush of fashionably dressed
women to get into the courtroom did
not extend to a number of prominent
society personages, who are alleged to
have temporarily vanished to escape

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SCORE OF WOMEN ESCAPE FROM BIG DOWNTOWN BLAZE

Clerk Dashes Through Fulton
Street Building and Shouts
An Alarm.

LIEUTENANT OVERCOME.

Re-Enters Building, Faints and
Has to Be Sent to
Hospital.

While twenty-five girls were at
work shortly after 2 o'clock this after-
noon the six-story building at No. 43
Fulton street, occupied by W. Elliott
& Sons, wholesale seed, bulb and
plant merchants, fire was discovered
in the basement, in which an amount
of crockery was stored between layers
of hay and straw.

Charles Miles of Hackensack, N.
J., a clerk, who was at work on the
ground floor of the building, was the
first to detect smoke issuing from the
basement, and rushed to the rooms in
which the girls were at work, shout-
ing a warning. There was some ex-
citement, but all the occupants of the
building had left in an orderly man-
ner before the arrival of the first fire
engine.

FIRE LIEUTENANT IS SENT TO
THE HOSPITAL.

When the fire was at its height,
Lieut. Frank McNichol of No. 6
Engine Company, was overcome by
smoke on the second floor of the build-
ing. He had previously been assisted
from the smoke-filled structure al-
most strangled, but insisted on re-
turning. He was unconscious when
carried out the second time and, after
his colleagues were unable to resus-
cite him, he was sent to the Volun-
teer Hospital.

Although the fire was confined to
the basement of the building, the
dense smoke which was sent forth
from the burning hay and straw drew
thousands of people to the scene. The
building in which the fire occurred is
located in the centre of a thickly
populated section, and the men and
women who fled from the nearby
buildings, fearing that the fire would
spread, added to the excitement.

In No. 44 Fulton street, next door
to the burning building, is the whole-
sale liquor establishment of Max
Stiner & Company. Here thousands
of barrels of liquors are stored, and
Chief Kenyon, who took charge, re-
alizing the danger should the fire
spread, stationed a number of firemen
at that building with hose.

The crockery in the cellar of the
burned building was stored there by
Bawo & Dotter of Barclay street.
Members of that firm have not yet
estimated the loss they suffered. The
damage to the Elliott concern is con-
fined mainly to smoke and water.

DOGS IN FIRE ALMOST COST POLICEMAN LIFE

Policeman John B. Dilge of the East
Sixty-seventh street station turned
in an alarm for a fire in the four-
story rooming house conducted by
Mrs. I. B. Thompson at No. 145 East
Sixty-third street this afternoon and
then ran into the house. He found
Mrs. Thompson, with her hair and
face scorched, groping around the
basement with two dogs in her arms.

The smoke was thick and Mrs.
Thompson suddenly disappeared
through a door leading to the base-
ment of the next house. Dilge did
not see her leave and kept up a hunt
for her in the smoke until he fell
unconscious.

Policeman Langan, who had seen
Dilge enter the house, became uneasy
and went in search of him. Dilge was
dragged out by his brother officer and
carried to Lyons's cafe on the corner,
where he was cared for until an am-
bulance took him to Flower Hospital.
He revived under treatment there.

Mrs. Thompson insisted on stand-

CUMMINS IS SENT TO PRISON AFTER TWO YEARS' DELAY

Former Chairman of Executive
Committee of Carnegie Trust
Co. Goes to Sing Sing.

WILL ASK PARDON.

Is Photographed and Measured
at Headquarters Before
Trip Up River.

More than two years after receiv-
ing his prison sentence, William J.
Cummins, chairman of the executive
board of the defunct Carnegie Trust
Company, was taken to-day from the
Tombs to Sing Sing to serve not less
than four years and four months nor
more than eight years and eight
months for grand larceny.

He was very much depressed when
he left the City Prison to enter the
taxicab waiting in the Tombs yard.

"I am going away, yes, but I am
an innocent man. I suppose I'll have
to wait what's coming to me. I expect
that within the course of a few
months my friends will endeavor to
obtain executive clemency for me.
That's all I have to say," he said.

Then he got into the cab with
Deputy Sheriff Joseph Miller and was
taken to Police Headquarters where
he was photographed and measured.
He took the 10.55 train for Sing Sing.
CHARGED WITH LARCENY OF
\$235,000 FROM BANK.

Cummins was indicted on March 21,
1911, on three charges of grand lar-
ceny based on note transactions in-
volving \$235,000. It was charged that
he borrowed this amount in 1910 from
the Van Norden Trust Company and
the Nineteenth Ward Bank, ostensibly
for the Carnegie Trust Company,
and converted it to his own
personal uses.

On Nov. 24, 1911, Cummins was sen-
tenced by Justice Davis in the Crimi-
nal Term of the Supreme Court. The
Court of Appeals sustained the con-
viction of Cummins in October, 1913,
he being on \$75,000 bail pending this
appeal. The United States Supreme
Court refused to help him on appeal
and then two writs of habeas cor-
pus were issued in order that he
might testify in the matter of the
Carnegie Trust Company.

Cummins came to New York from
Nashville, Tenn., in 1906 and bought
a block of stock in the Carnegie
Trust Company, getting his friends to
buy more. He wished to finance sev-
eral company promotions through
ownership of the Carnegie Trust Com-
pany, but the company was burdened
with bad risks and although Andrew
Carnegie twice came to its aid, it
collapsed on Jan. 7, 1911.

BILLS TO AID COMMUTERS PASSED BY THE SENATE

ALBANY, March 10.—Senator
Healy's bills aiding the commuters of
Westchester County were passed in
the Senate this afternoon by a vote
of 29 to 14.

By these bills the commutation
fares are reduced on the New York
Central and New Haven Railroads
from New York City to all cities in
Westchester County to the rates fixed
by the Public Service Commission be-
fore the Appellate Division of the Su-
preme Court held the rates to be un-
constitutional. Both bills will now go
to the Assembly.

ing in front of the house with her
dogs in her arms and directing the
work of the firemen. Finally, drenched
and half frozen, she was removed by
firemen and policemen and taken to
the home of a neighbor. She esti-
mates her loss at \$5,000.

BEANBUDA TOWER.
Fire department. Out \$25 and upward, in-
cluding all necessary expenses. Meeting house
Wednesday, 7.30 P. M. Saturday, 10.30 P. M.
First Street, New York City. The World
Travel Bureau, World Building, 220 Park Row,
N. Y. City. Telephone Exchange 4000-4001.

\$225,000 "VENUS" SLASHED TO AVENGE MRS. PANKHURST

CONVICTED BANKER
GOES TO SING SING
AFTER LONG DELAY.



WILLIAM J. CUMMINS

50-FOOT TOWER FALLS
IN BALL PARK WHILE
FOUR WORK ATOP IT.

One Workman Killed, Three
Badly Hurt in "Fed's"
Brooklyn Grounds.

A fifty-foot wooden tower, erected
in the new ball field of the Federal
League's Brooklyn team for handling
the concrete for the new grand stand,
fell this afternoon, carrying four
workmen down with it. One of them
died as he reached the hospital. The
others were severely injured.

The new ball park is on the site of
Washington Park, the home of the
old Brooklyn Nationals, at First
street and Third avenue.
The tower was set up where the
old home plate was, and this after-
noon William Llewellyn of No. 270
Cypress avenue, the Bronx; Carl
Johnson of No. 1148 Fifty-eighth
street, Brooklyn; Hans Hansen of
No. 546 Fortieth street, Brooklyn, and
Arthur Sprau, address unknown,
went to the top of the tower to make
ready for the stringing of a cable
from it to another tower as a trans-
mission line for distributing the con-
crete.

They were hoisting a piece of lum-
ber on a derrick at the top, when the
entire structure became overbalanced
and fell in a tangle to the ground.
There were a number of workmen
busy on the grounds and they hurried
to extricate the four men. Ambu-
lances were called from the Sney
Hospital and the Hospital of the Holy
Family. Sprau was taken to the for-
mer and died as he reached the insti-
tution. The other three were taken
to Holy Family Hospital.

BRITISH AVIATOR KILLED.

Capt. Bowser of Army Flying Corps
Haried From Aeroplane.

LONDON, March 10.—Capt. Cyril
Bowser of the army aviation corps
was killed to-day while flying at
Sawbury Plain in Wiltshire. His aero-
plane turned turtle and fell from a
great height.

World Wants Work Wonders.

Suffragette Wields Meat Cleaver on
Famous Painting in London Gal-
lery and Cuts It to Ribbons
for Rearrest of Leader.

BEAUTIFUL WORK RUINED
'FOR BEAUTIFUL CHARACTER.'

Mobs of Militants With Bombs
and Hammers Threaten Police in
Effort to "Rescue" Their Chief.

LONDON, March 10.—In retaliation for the rearrest of Mrs.
Emmeline Pankhurst, May Richardson, one of the most active of the
militant suffragettes, to-day mutilated the "Rokeby Venus," a master-
piece by Velasquez, valued at \$225,000 and one of the famous paintings
in the National Gallery, Trafalgar Square. With a meat chopper of five-
inch blade the woman slashed the canvas six times. The painting was
recently purchased by popular subscription at the price named and pre-
sented to the British nation.

ALDERMEN PASS LAW TO PUT AUTO SPEEDERS IN JAIL

Forty-two Members Vote for
Measure Which Failed a
Week Ago.

The Board of Aldermen this after-
noon by a vote of 42 to 28 adopted the
new speed ordinance suggested by
Chief Magistrate McAdoo, the object
of which is to compel violators to
spend at least one night in jail. Forty
votes were necessary for the passage
of the ordinance. At last Tuesday's
meeting of the board there was one
vote short of the necessary number.

Under the old order a speeder was
usually fined \$25 or given one day in
jail. Inasmuch as an official day is
from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M., and many
chauffeurs were sentenced at three
o'clock in the afternoon, they went to
prison for one hour and avoided the
\$25 fine.

The law, as amended, compels the
magistrates to impose a fine of \$25 or
sentence to at least two days in jail.
The gallery was filled with chauf-
feurs while the voting was going on.
As soon as the results were made
known they left in disgust.

Borough President Matthews of
the Bronx, who last week voted
against the change in the speed
ordinance, came out for it to-day. He
said he did so because he thought the
public wanted the law changed.

"It has come to a pretty pass when
the Board of Aldermen has to come
to the rescue of the magistrates in
either helping them or compelling
them to enforce the law," said Bor-
ough President Pounds of Brooklyn.

"I do not vote for this ordinance
because the two Chief Magistrates
have told us they want help, but
rather because I felt that the people
want it."

SAILING TO-DAY.

Russia, Libau 2 P. M.
Lusitania, Liverpool 6 P. M.

And Steamships and Other Traffic
By Railway, and by Water, to
New York City.

"I tried to destroy the picture of the
most beautiful woman in mythology
as a protest against the Government
destroying Mrs. Pankhurst, the most
beautiful character in modern his-
tory," the suffragette said when she
was arrested and taken to a police
station.

The Police Magistrate committed
Miss Richardson for trial at the
Sessions and refused to grant bail
when she was charged later in the
day at Bow Street Police Court with
damaging the "Rokeby Venus."

Hawes Harrison Turner, Secretary
and Keeper of the National Gallery,
when giving evidence expressed the
opinion that the selling price of the
picture had been depreciated by the
outrage by as much as \$50,000 to
\$75,000.

PRISONER HARANGUES THE
COURT ON ACT.

The prisoner harangued the court,
declaring:
"Reginald McKenna, the Home
Secretary, has turned the criminal
code into a farce. This is the tenth
time I have been brought before a
Magistrate this year. He cannot
coerce me and compel me to serve a
sentence. He can only repeat the
farce of releasing me."

May Richardson has been sentenced
to several terms of imprisonment
since the beginning of the woman's
suffrage militant movement. It was
she who was arrested at Bristol on
July 4 last year for dropping a scroll
of paper on the knee of King George
as he was driving through the city.

After she had served three months
imprisonment she was arrested again
in November on suspicion of burning
a house at Hampton "but immediately
started a hunger and thirst strike and
was released a few weeks later in a
serious condition of health."

The National Gallery was tempo-
rarily closed by authorities after
the outrage. Most of the public art
collections, such as those at Hamp-
ton Court Palace, and especially gal-
eries where valuable porcelain is on
exhibition, were closed a year ago on
account of militant outrages and have
not opened since.

Orders were later issued that not
only the National Gallery but the
Wallace Art Collection should be
closed to the public until further
notice. The trustees of the National
Gallery, among whom are Earl Cur-
son of Kedleston, met during the
afternoon to consider the affair.

The slashes made by Miss Richar-
dson are sharp, clean cuts on the most
important portion of the canvas—the
nude shoulders and back of Venus.
The seventh injury is a ragged
bruise a couple of inches in diameter
and will be more difficult to repair.

Strong detachments of militant suf-
fragettes to-day picketed every Lon-

Spring Fancies!

They say that in the Spring man's
fancy turns to thoughts of love.
That is probably true, but it also
turns to thoughts, and serious thoughts,
of—

A Summer Place of Residence,
Vacation Resorts and Steamship Cruises,
A Farm or Poultry Plant,
Better Position or Competent Workers,
A Boat, Automobile or Motor Cycle,
A Real Estate or Business Bargain.
And as man's fancy turns to such op-
portunities as these, the man himself
naturally turns to World ads.
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World ads. that such fancies become
realities.

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YEAR—
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FORTS OF LIFE AND PROSPERITY
THROUGH WORLD ADS. ANY DAY!